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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request, Foreign Board of Trade Registration

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information and to allow 60 days for public comment. The Commission adopted on December 5, 2011, a final rule, as authorized by the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Dodd-Frank Act”), requiring foreign boards of trade (“FBOT”) that wish to provide their identified members or other participants located in the United States with direct access to their electronic trading and order matching systems to register with the Commission. This notice solicits comments on the reporting requirements applicable to FBOTs that apply for registration and to the reporting requirements applicable to registered FBOTs as identified in the final rule.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER
DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “FBOT Registration” or PRA collection 3038-0101 by any of the following methods:

- The Agency's web site, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the web site.
- Mail: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as mail above.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Portal.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane C. Andresen, Associate Director, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418-5492; email: dandresen@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of Information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

Title: Information Management Requirements for Registration of Foreign Boards of Trade (OMB Control No. 3038-0101). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 738 of the Dodd-Frank Act amended section 4(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act to provide that the Commission may adopt rules and regulations requiring FBOTs that wish to provide their members or other participants located in the United States with direct access to the FBOT's electronic trading and order matching system to register with the Commission. Pursuant to this authorization, the CFTC adopted a final rule requiring FBOTs that wish to permit trading by direct access to provide certain information to the Commission in applications for registration and, once registered, to provide certain information to meet quarterly and annual reporting requirements.

With respect to the collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.¹ The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <http://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the Information Collection Request will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

Burden Statement: The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to range from 1000 hours for the submission of a new registration application to two to eight hours per response for submission of required reports. These estimates include the time to locate, compile, validate, and verify and disclose and to ensure such information is maintained.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Foreign Boards of Trade.

Estimated number of respondents: 27

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Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 11,756 hours

Frequency of collection: Once for new applications, quarterly and annually for required reports.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.)

¹ 17 CFR 145.9.

Dated: August 3, 2015.

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Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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